

DRAFT MINUTES

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 8, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
200 East Santa Clara Street, Room T-550
San Jose, California

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair Eljas, Commissioners Brown, Eljas, Kaeding, Lichtenberg, O'Donnell, Souza, Westman, Commissioners Emeritus Espinoza and Vidt, Senior Commission Liaison Layman

Commissioners Absent: Chair Salazar-Torres, Commissioner Emeritus Morrow

Staff Present: S. Holm (Office of Councilmember Pyle), S. Wing (ADA Coordinator)

- a) **Call to Order/Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval**
Upon the motion of Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Kaeding, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were approved unanimously.
- b) **Approval of August 11, 2008 Minutes**
Upon the motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, the August 11, 2008 Minutes were approved unanimously.
- c) **Open Forum**
There were no comments
- d) **Council Liaison Report**
Stephanie Holm reported that Councilmember Pyle had received positive feedback on the Annual Roundtable meeting. She also reported that District 10 will be holding large-scale emergency preparedness event in the near future and will provide the DAC with more information when it is available.
- e) **Chairperson Report**
No report
- f) **Santa Clara County Advisory Commission for Persons With Disabilities Liaison Report**
No report

g) **Senior Commission Liaison Report**

Senior Commissioner Ron Layman reported that he would be taking over as the Senior Commission Liaison and that he had previously served as the liaison to the DAC

h) **Discussion & Possible Recommendation to the City Council on Citywide Inclusionary Housing**

Tom Macrostitie from the Housing Department presented an overview of the inclusionary housing proposal currently under consideration by the City Council, City staff and the community. Mr. Macrostitie explained that the inclusionary housing proposal would require all new residential developments to have a certain number of homes and apartments available to lower and moderate income individuals and families. He also provided a copy of the "Notification of Public Meetings on Ways to Increase Affordable Housing Production."

Upon the motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner Souza, the Commission unanimously approved the following recommendation to the City Council: "Because people with disabilities are more likely to depend upon affordable housing than the general population, the Disability Advisory Commission supports the concept of inclusionary housing and encourages the City to adopt a policy that is truly inclusionary and includes both very low and extremely low income groups."

i) **Approval of a recommendation to the City Council to adopt a proclamation declaring the month of October 2008 as Employment of Persons with Disabilities Awareness Month in the City of San Jose and to declare October 8, 2008 as the 1st Annual Disability Awareness Day in San Jose.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, this recommendation was approved unanimously.

j) **Report on Standing Commission Items**

1) **Emergency/Disaster Planning for Persons with Disabilities** – Mr. Wing reported that work continues with the CADRE Disaster Care and Shelter Task Force to produce a Care and Shelter Plan. A training to do accessibility surveys of potential shelter sites is being developed.

2) **"Strategic Plan, Services for Persons with Disabilities" Advisory Board** – Mr. Wing reported that planning for the 1st Annual Disability Awareness Day scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 11 am to 4 pm, at the City Hall Rotunda and Plaza is continuing. The DAC will have a table at the Resource Fair. A schedule of volunteers to staff the table needs to be developed.

- 3) **VTA and Paratransit Service Issues** – Vice-Chair Eljas reported that one of the comments from the VTA auditor is that the VTA could work better with the Transit Accessibility Committee.
- 4) **Approval of the DAC 2008-2009 Workplan** – Upon the motion of Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Westman, the DAC 2008-2009 Workplan was approved by a vote of four in favor (Eljas, O'Donnell, Souza, Westman) and one against (Brown).
- k) **ADA Coordinator Report** – Mr. Wing reported that the Agenda format has been changed slightly to confirm to the “Sunshine” (now being called “Open Government”) requirements. Other changes have been the requirements for earlier posting of the agendas and agenda item documents (if any) on the City website and future DAC meetings will have to be audio recorded.
- l) There were no announcements
- m) Agenda Development
 - Consideration of a World Aids Day proclamation
- n) The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.